conditions laid down bj KFW. There ha-teen no occasion °f misused of loan as tancc by NLC.

SHRI B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, I have been writing to the Minister •and he has been responding to me time gain. Two notorious concerns—MAN and WM[both have been disqualified even by the consultants M/s. Rheinbraun afld KFW *wh0 have* been financing us. The HOWS that :ei excava which'were supplied by MAN, o.ne of de project is worth of Rs. 21 crores. Now there may be a. dispute about othej So far as the •claim by NLC *(mm-wmmiti* about Rs. 1.59 crores for rehabilitation was concerned, iio dispute. May I know from the 'aim by NLC hy did you give them fur ther Rs. S crores with 10 per cent ad- also know from the Minister wh*,: . ducted the rehabilitation claii. ready demanded ' by Nlfc because of being called human failure? I want to know whether you have deducted this about. If not. why have yon further entered int0 an agreement with that firm wh i'ound faulting on thSat account?

SHRf VASAN happens when some parties link up some previous things with a future-arrangement. Sir, with KFW *we* arrangement all that they have done is to give Us assistance for setting up a project. Now. in previous projects something wrong had happened with regard to bucketwheel excavators or some damage has taken places. The recovery is the separate aspect. It is not from KFW. The question relates to loan from KFW. I am sorry to say that the hon. Member is still obsessed with the earlier question that he has in his mind.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplemen-. tary.

SHRI B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir. I am definite about mj mind with regard to WMI. May I . draw the attention of the hon. Minister to Q. No. 869 dt. 30-4-1987 *(Interruptions)* about WMI? The Indian collaborator— MAN has not supplied cranes *to* Pa;adip port and Kandla port. fhese facts were brought to the notice of major ports and also poor performance by WMI. Vou know that MAN operates in India through. WMI. They 'are failing in al] the Minis-"

They are failing in your Ministry also.

only this. There is a further Rs. 100 re project. In spite of all these failings, still Hi are being given to ihem. Why do you deal .with them at all when the firm is failing on all grounds? i he technical consultants have declared ihem unfit for the job. Yet. why do you this Rs. 100 oject to them?

SHRI V AS ANT SATHE: Sir, do you me to answer this question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want you to answer this part of the < that the lies have been failing and the performance of this company has not been satisfactory; why do you still continue to give the contracts to tfcat company?

SHRI. VASANT'SATH' far aa KFW is concerned as KFW assistance is concerned, the condition is that orders have t0 be placed on German firms, German parties. And now two German parlies have come. We have 'a consultant and we take their assistance. Whatever they ultimately approve we select that. As far as equipment that we have secured In N'eyveli is concerned—I am not concerned with other 'areas—we find that it is working satisfactorily and we ,will keep the interests of Neyveti and of the country always uppermost. T do ,not want to take sides of any particular party in this matter.

*254. *[lib. questioner (Shri S. S. Ahtuwalia) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 41-42 infra)

Banning of dangerous fire works

*255. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that studies conducted over the past four years

show that thousands of people get burnt at Diwali by fireworks especially by 'attars';

(b) whether Government are also aware that studies conducted by an international expert Dr. Lawrence Berger have revealed that efforts by the fireworks industry to educate the children ab°ul the dangers of fireworks are sometimes dangerously counter-productive;'

whether it is a fact that in most wastefn countries dangerous fireworks have been banned to avoid such incidents:

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of firework especially 'bombs'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHA-LAM): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. •

Statement

Government have seen lne study carried out bV Prof. Dinesh Mohan and three others on the patients reporting' to two Hospitals i.e.,. Safdarjung and Lok M'.iwik Jai Praksh Narain in Delhi over a 2 day period around Diwali ib 1983 to determine the epidemiology of fire "works burns sustained by the patients which was published by the Centre for i Bio-Medical Engineering, Tndiav Institute of Technology, New Delhi, in September, 1984.

Government have also seen the article by Prof. Dinesh Mohan of the ITT in the 'Times of India' dated, 21-11-86 in which ' there is a reference to the studies conducted by Dr. Lawrence Berger on the results of the efforts to educate children on the dangers involved in the use of fireworks.

There are varying restrictions on the use of fireworks in different countries.

Government do not collect separately the fire work injury data from hospitals in the country.

Government do not have under their consideration any proposal to ban the nufacture < There is no proposal to reduce the quantity of Explosives powder allowed in fireworks items including atom bombs at present. Government are taking precautionary measures by trying to educate the public and by trying to enforce the law to the best Possible
ent, ..SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: My question was that thousands of people are getting burnt during Diwali tmd the Government in' its answer simply says, "We h Mohan Dr. Lawrence Berger". I have also asked whethei Government has collected fire-work-ir.jury-data from hospitals in the country. No specific answer has come. Is there any' difficulty in 'collecting the .from all over the country regarding fire-work injuries from all hospitals? •

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have a very difficult task, Mr. Minister.

SHRI ATALBIHART VAIPAYHE: But riot impossible.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: 1 require notice.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA; Has Government any plans to give guidelines regarding sale of fire-works and to ban particularly the *attar*— the so called atom bombs—to mitigate hardship and damage to life and property?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM^ Government has no plans. But a case is pending in the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has constituted a committee and that committee has suggested some ways and means to reduce fire accidents.

*256. *[The questioner (Dr. Ratnakar Pandey) was absent. For -Answer,* vide *cols.* 42-43 infra.]